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For instance, Mrs. Chas. Rogers, of Bay City, Mich., accidently spilled scalding water over her little boy. She promptly applied De Witt's Witch Hazel Salves, giving instant relief. It's a wonderfully good salve for burnes, bruises, sores, and a sure cure for Piles. J. K. Jones. ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

& Woman Says Her Sex Is Responsible For Most of Them.

[Special Correspondence.] New York, Oct. 11 .- Ninety per cent of the anonymous letters are written by

This statement is verified by noted experts in handwriting, who also add the information that 90 per cent of the forgers are found among men.

The motives which prompt the construction and sending of an anonymous letter are various. Prime among them is the love of making mischief, which is often a feminine trait much to be deplored, while jenlousy and anger form no inconsiderable part of the poor judgment which women display when descending to this low device of revenge upon some enemy or rival.

In the first place, it is the easiest thing in the world to trace the writer of an anonymous letter, particularly if that writer be a woman, as it is almost an impossibility for women to disguise their handwriting. They are creatures of impulse, full of whimsicalities and erraticisms, and their handwriting naturally partakes of these peculiarities. To one who understands the science of writing there is a marked difference between the letters formed by the hands of men and women. Whether due to sewing, playing the piano and other womanly accomplishments which exercise the fingers to a great extent, women's handwriting possesses the distinct mark of what is known as the finger movement-that is, the pen is held by the index, second finger and thumb, while the hand moves along the paper with the pen, producing a formal kind of writing very hard to disguise.

The muscular movement, on the contrary, which characterizes the writing of men is made by pointing the penholder toward the right shoulder, the A Brilliant Reunion In New York After fingers scarcely moving and the free, full motion of the hand coming from the lower part of the arm near the elbow, giving a more machine like appearance to the letters, and notwithstanding might have been penned by a man it is one, and the attendance was unusually of the Literary club of Galveston; Mrs. said that not 10 per cent of the women living write with that muscular move- a number of distinguished guests.

vogue today among women of the higher classes is the English or angular the past 10 or 15 years. Among the lower and less refined class of women tables decorated with flowers. you will notice the round, petite Italian writing used almost entirely, and sided. After roll call Mrs. Helmuth rethis distinction forms one of the expert's clews in first determining in what direction to look for a suspected anenymous writer.

A woman is a born copyist. By observing her methods of work for years this conclusion has been arrived at and is partly due to her gift of close application as well as unparalleled patience in accomplishing whatever she under-takes. She will labor over the imitation of a piece of embroidery for weeks, while the average man, on the connot successful within five minutes, Thus it is that when women do turn their dishonesty to forgeries of different kinds they make much more correcct first in the enward march of progress." forgers than men. A strange anomaly, though, regarding their aptitude in this its sphere of usefulness during the win- she says, "but only for my father's. It's direction is that, though their imitations will be more exact from an observer's standpoint, they invariably leave much more noticeable trace of their own characteristics than their brothers and mission of our club," said she, "it in crime.

Experts will tell you that in the generality of anonymous letters they find ers; therefore this afternoon has been the offenders very nearly related to their | given to the discussion of philanthropy. would be victims, and these discoveries often lead to sad and embarrassing results.

A prominent dry goods merchant of New York entered the office of David N. Carvalho, the noted expert, with a most scurrilous letter in hand. This epistle was addressed to his sister's betrothed and informed the young man that he had better inquire into the moral character of the woman he was about to

What to do about it and how to find the author were the questions be at once put to the expert, who advised sang songs or edited periodicals and him to go home and gather up the contents of his wife's, his own and his sister's writing desk, which he proceeded to do, and arrived at the office with a bundle, the size of which nearly staggered the expert, who anticipated a fortnight's work over the matter. The third letter he tested, however, proved to be the one to correspond to the anonymous one, so he wrote out the report, marked letters exhibits A and B and placed them

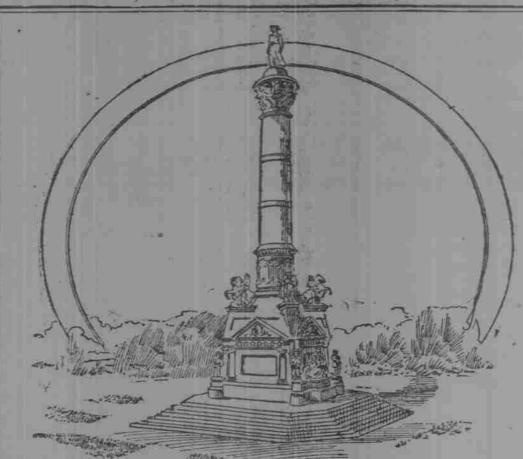
"Well, how are you getting along?" inquired Mr. Merchant the next day as he called for the result of the investiga-

"It's found, sir," answered the expert, handing over his report, and after receiving a check in payment proceeded

with some other work on hand. "You have no objections to my reading the report here?" said the man, to which Mr. Carvallio returned a pleasant negative. All at once, with a muttered curse, the man made a desperate spring for his throat, at the same time shouting, "You scoundrel, that's my wife!"

Together the two men rolled to the floor, and it was several minutes before the expert was enabled to free himself from the enraged man's grasp. When he succeeded, he forced the man out of the door and threw the bundle of letters after him, saying, "I admire your loyalty to your wife, but you shan't kill me on account of it."

Two months passed, when one day a knock came at the door, and on opening it the same merchant entered, but now bowed down with sorrow and with deepest apologies on his lips. He had found out the truth. His young wife had fallen in love with her sister-inlaw's lover, and in order to break off the match had resorted to this vile means of endeavoring to blacken her ADELE PORTER



IOWA SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AT DES MOINES.

This fine work of art is now being made at Chicago. It will be a tribute to the soldiers and sallows who enlisted during the civil war from the Hawkeye state. It will stand 183 feet high and will be placed opposite the capitol in Des Moines. On top of the shaft will stand a figure representing Victory, 22 feet high. The massive column will rise from a base wai h will be 22 feet one way, 35 feet another and about 50 feet high. On rounded pedestals, which will spring from each corner of the base, will stand bronze figures typical of the infantry, cavalry, artillery and navy. Each of these figures will be 8 feet high. On top of the base, around the foot of the column, will be equestrian statues of Gen. Crocker, Gen. Curtis, Gen. Bodge and Gen. Corse. In each of the four pediments will be placed a medallion 3 feet in diameter. In the medallion which will face the capitol and which will, therefore, be in front of the monument, will be the coat-of-arms of Iowa. Others will contain the portraits of Gen. Befinap, Gen. Winslow and Gen. Hatch. Smaller medallions to the number of 32 will form a series of portraits around the base below that pediments. The state of Iowa has appropriated \$160,000 for the monument.

SOROSIS AGAIN AT WORK.

the Summer Vacation.

The first meeting of Sorosis since the organization adjourned for its summer vacation in June was held on the 1st Mrs. Moffit, president of the Phalo inst. at Sherry's, on Fifth avenue, New York. The reunion was a brilliant of the mayor of Galveston; Mrs. Beers large, including fully 200 members and John Wood, grandniece of W. H.

The ladies came array din handsome The type of handwriting most in gowns, becoming bonnets and happy ogne today among women of the highexchange of rapturous greetings. Then hand, and this style has provailed for the members and guests gathered around a festive board and ate a luncheon from

Mrs. William Todd Helmuth prequested all present who had been members of the club for more than 20 years largely responsible.

"It shows," says Mrs. Sewall, "the to rise. Twenty-two in the audience re-

Mrs. Helmuth said that of the seven presidents which the club has had durliving and present at the meeting. These wrong. It can't help but lead to a betwere Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbur, Mrs. J. C. Croly, Mrs. M. E. Thomas, Mrs. trary, gives up any task in disgust if is Miss Alice Cary. In her brief opening address Mrs. Helmuth said:

"This is woman's century, and it be-

ter. There would be more meetings than an awful bore. Of course papa as heretefore, and more topics, beneficial and pregressive, would be considered by the club. "Considering the character Miss Clemens has for the past two is fitting that we should begin our work with the consideration of benefit to oth- Berlin.

In the absence of the regular chairman of the committee on philanthropy, the Rev. Phebe A. Hanaford presented

the question. "Scrosis is the embediment of philanthropy," said she, "for there is not one of the members but what has begun to do good. Good will to mankind required the birth of Sorosis; philanthropie thought woke her into being."

Any active participants in philanthropy, said Mrs. Hanaford, had a right to membership in Sorosis, even though they had never written brilliant articles, were not shining intellectual lights.

Mrs. Hanaford said that the question was not the supposition that philanthropy was not practical, but which had the preponderance, the theoretical or

practical side. "Where," said she, "is the evidence that theory has reached practice, or that practice has fulfilled theory? The philanthropy of the present day is incomplete. The goal is not yet reached. The theory is expressed in the golden rule. The poor man may be more philanthropical than the rich man. The bright smile, the kind word, are true philan- be were she able to renew them. - Chithropy. The philanthropy of everyday life would be a good theme for some

Mrs. Hanaford condemned the present tendency in the education of children. United States is 30,000, divided among 700 Making them early risers, as she termed | branches. it, in classes was productive of making them conceited all the forenoon of life and sleepy all the afternoon, the energy which should have been stored to meet the trials of later years being all dissi-

pated in their youthful days. The present conception of philanthropy is to help people to help themselves, she said. Sorosis, in its love for womanhood, deserves to take a commanding place in the crusade at present being

made for moral purity. Mrs. Hanaford expressed the hope that in the future women would have from Jan. I to July I. the ballot, which meant protection and education, was the synonym for power and would aid materially in making front. It is the best table and pickling education, was the synonym for power philanthropy more practical.

Others who expressed their opinions on the question presented were Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Croly, Mrs. M. I. Thomas, Mrs. C. H. Cushing, ex-president of the Kansas Social Science federation; Mrs. Laura M. Palmer, Mrs. Elizabeth Akers Allen, Miss Elizabeth B. Sheldon

and Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour. Among the guests present were Miss Helen Winslow of the Boston Press club, Mrs. C. H. Cushing, ex-president of the Kansas Social Science federation; club; Mme. Jaffa, Mrs. Dr. Fly, wife Seward; Miss Cornelia Bradford, head of the college settlement of Jersey

The "Woman Novel."

Mrs. May Wright Sewall hails with joy the "woman nevel," by which is meant not the novel by woman, but the novel about women, and for which Mme. Sarah Grand and George Moore are so

prominence of women in every phase of our present living, be it real or ideal. People and writers are thinking about her and recognize that something is however poor the means, I am satisfied

Miss Clemens' Complaint.

Miss Clara Clemens is herself authority for the statement that she is hearthooves us so to act as to be among the first in the enward march of progress." Twain's daughter." "People don't The club, she said, hoped to enlarge want to know me for my own sake, papa is the dearest man in the world; but, oh, I do wish he wasn't famous!" years been a pupil at Miss Willard's famons and exclusive English school in

Amalie Ceruti.

Living in a poor street in New York is a woman who has seen more ups and downs than usually fall to the lot of one individual. She is Amalie Ceruti, lady's gold necklace, which had eviwho, as a dancer, once commanded the | dently laid at the bottom of the river admiration of kings and emperors. She was born in Silesia 50 years ago and at an early age went on the stage as a dancer. She was small, with a pretty face and graceful figure, and before long the smoker takes one long whilf, she was the rage, going from city to blowing the smoke in a cloud from his city in Europe and being everywhere mouth and nose. The ladies have triumphantly received. During her various tours in Europe she was the recipient of countless gifts of jewelry. among them diamonds of rare value. In 1871 she came to this country with hands it to him and lets him finish Kiralfy and later joined the "Black out the whiff. Crook" company, where she met and married a ballet master. Everything went well for awhile, but finally managers discovered that Ceruti was not as have lived as best they could. Amalie Cernti is still erect and alert, as proud of her past glories almost as she would cago Herald.

Catholic Enights of America. The membership of the order in the

The order, which is 16 years old, has paid to the widows and orphans of members nearly \$6,500,000 in death benefits. Missouri has 82 branches and 4,274 tion, Chicago.

Pennsylvania branches have paid in two years \$46,500 in death benefits.

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HE AND SHE.

A young woman at Princess Anna, Md., died a few days ago from the effects of swallowing chewing gum. Six hundred and eight women recently applied for a poorly-paid place

as mail sorter in an English postof-C. P. Villiers, the father of the English house of commons, is 92 years

old, but still attends the house regularly and often speaks. Noah Shanks, a Brownsville, Oregon, boy, got sick, as might have been expected, from his phenomenal feat of eating at a single sitting seven-

teen bologna saasages. the Ramabai association, whose purpose it is to rescue child widows in India. This society is flourishing, and reports an income of \$1,784.

The shab of Persia, is a photographer of no mean skill. In his travels about his domain he carries with him a camera, which he uses on any bit of landscape striking his fancy. Virtue is not always its own sole

reward. James Haysman, a New York expressman, who found on the street a check for \$20,000, payable | to Russell Sage, took it to his office and received a \$1 bill for his honesty. A negro had a streak of luck while

fishing in the Flint river, near Albany, Ga. His line became tangled in something, which proved to be a for many years.

Everybody smokes in Japan. The pipe holds a little wad of fine cut tobacco as big as a pea. It is fired, and pipes with longer stems than the men. and if one of them wishes to show a gentleman a special mark of favor, she lights her pipe, takes half a whiff,

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